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Applicant: Werenicz et al.  
Serial No.: 09/057,406  
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Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A CONTINUOUS THERMOPLASTIC COATING

Art Unit: 1733  
Examiner: J. Aftergut

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

A teleconference interview was conducted on May 3, 2002, between Applicants' representative, Allison Johnson, and Examiner Aftergut to discuss the February 4, 2002 Office action issued on the above-captioned application. Applicants' representative and Examiner Aftergut did not reach agreement as to the patentability of the pending claims.

Applicants' representative presented the position that the references did not provide the skilled artisan with a reasonable expectation that the composition of Sanfleben et al. could be successfully coated using the slit die method discussed in the background of Boger et al. The Examiner indicated that he might be persuaded by this position.

Applicants' representative also presented the position that the Smith et al. and Miller references do not teach a generic noncontact coating method that is suitable for all thermoplastic polymers and thermoplastic compositions. Applicants' representative emphasized that Smith et al. and Miller disclosed only olefin polymers and copolymers and the specific ethylene/acrylic acid copolymers developed by Smith et al. and Miller. The Examiner did not agree with Applicants' representative.

## CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

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